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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Spremberg

EVALUATION 25X1X [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 7 March 1951

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 29 March 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1A

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REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. Following the restoration of a company building in the western section of the billeting area, the barracks installation in Spremberg (O 52/A 54) was occupied to capacity by 1,000 to 1,200 troops on 7 March 1951. All of the troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Local residents also estimated the number of troops there at about 1,000. Five T-34/85 tanks were seen in a lane of the woods bordering on the railroad line toward Schleife. Local Germans said that all tanks recently observed in Spremberg were of this type, whereas heavy tanks had been seen at the post until the end of 1950. They thought that 50 to 60 tanks were stationed in the barracks installation. However, [REDACTED] any tanks in that portion of the billeting area which could be surveyed from the railroad embankment. [REDACTED] the tanks were sheltered in the numerous garages. About 30 trucks were noticed in the billeting area. There were no indications that infantry troops were also quartered in the installation. Motor vehicles observed in barracks traffic were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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* Comment. The unidentified Hv Tank SP Regt of the 9th Meck Div is carried in Spremberg and was confirmed there until 22 January 1951. The observation of medium tanks in Spremberg constitutes a possible indication that one battalion of the 91st Tank Regt, confirmed in Luebben, is stationed in Spremberg. In February 1951 [REDACTED] not more than 25 25X1A T 34-85 tanks were observed in Luebben, and that the tank unit in Luebben numbered not more than 400 men. See [REDACTED].

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